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## Bicara Cendekiawan Mulia UMP discusses current issues

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) organised the Bicara Cendekiawan Mulia UMP programme discussing the topic of "Terrorism: Influences and Threats in the Country", presented by the Bukit Aman Special Branch Counter-Terrorism Division (E8) chief, Datuk Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay.

He said that all parties should play a role to combat terrorism and to cooperate with the police by providing information.

"The people, especially the youth, need to seek knowledge from the perspective of religion or on the issue of terrorism and extremist ideology that has spread among the youth via the creative use of social media.

"This country does not compromise on any act of terrorism that could pose a threat to the national security and global aspect.

"It can be seen from the efforts of combating the activities of Malaysians who have joined the Daish militant group in Syria and the support to revive LTTE," he said.

The organisation of Bicara Cendekiawan Mulia is implemented as a means of acquiring knowledge for the benefit of the community, especially in Pahang.

The programme chair, Associate Professor Dr. Jamal Rizal Razali from the Centre for Human Sciences said that this monthly programme was started on 25 June 2019 as a platform to bring local and international prominent figures into UMP.

"These figures serve to analyse current issues across various dimensions and points of view for the benefit of UMP associates and the

community as a whole.

“Among the personalities who have graced the programme include Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr. Nik Safiah Karim and Tan Sri Dr. Rais Yatim, the founder of Yayasan Budi, discussing on “Malay Language and National Identity Empowerment Challenges in the Era of New Malaysia,” he said.

The programme was held at the Banquet Hall, Chancellery, UMP Pekan on 30 January 2020, which was also attended by the UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff and Deputy Chief 2, Pahang Special Branch (Intelligence and Operations), YDH ACP Daud Omar.

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